

Health Resources Network, the Wyoming Small Business Development Center, and CLIMB Wyoming. Her work with CLIMB Wyoming is of special significance. CLIMB is a unique nonprofit empowering single mothers to develop life and career skills. This holistic program helps these women start new careers and ultimately become self-sufficient.

Wendy's accomplishments speak for themselves. She views herself as a humble public servant. Still, her impact on health care in Wyoming cannot be understated and will be recognized for years to come.

Finally, I must conclude my remarks by recognizing the most important people in Wendy's life, her family. Her late husband Denny was a good friend and an outstanding journalist. His passing in 2012 was a tremendous loss. I know he is looking down on Wendy, their three children, Katie, Laura, and Tim, and granddaughter Lillian, with pride today.

Wendy and I have been personal friends for nearly four decades. She represents the best of Wyoming in every sense of the word. One could not have a better friend than Wendy Curran.

The people of Wyoming are fortunate to have Wendy Curran serve our State for so many years. She is a leader, mentor, and advocate to many, especially women working in health care. Bobbi and I are proud to call her our friend. Wendy will be missed in retirement, but I know she will continue to find meaningful ways to serve and to make Wyoming a better place for everyone. Thank you, Wendy, for your committed and dedicated service.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO OLIVIA VAN LEDTJE

• Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I am proud to recognize Olivia Van Ledtje of Durham as March's Granite Stater of the Month. Olivia, a 12-year-old book activist, creates videos—called LivBits—that seek to encourage children around the globe to love books as much as she does.

Olivia began creating LivBits when she was 8 years old as a way to overcome bullying that she experienced. The videos gave Olivia a purpose and allowed her to find her voice.

Olivia's first video, which was uploaded to her mother's social media, went viral and has more than 500,000 views. Since then, Olivia has created many more LivBits about some of her favorite books and even hosted a podcast with authors as a way to get children her age excited about reading.

Over the last few years, Olivia has travelled across the country and around the world to promote her love of reading and inspire others. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Olivia hasn't been travelling as much, but because her work is built for the digital age,

she is still able to share her message with children and teachers around the globe.

Olivia's passion for and dedication to promoting literacy and inspiring children in New Hampshire and around the world to love reading represents the best of our State. By promoting self-reliance and self-empowerment through discovery and learning, I know that she will continue to do incredible things, and I look forward to everything she will go on to accomplish.●

##### TRIBUTE TO STELLA LAVADIE

• Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and share the inspirational story of native New Mexican Ms. Stella Lavadie, who celebrated her 100th birthday on April 29, 2021. Her friends, family, and neighbors know Stella as a warm-hearted woman who celebrates her veteran community with great pride and has lived a remarkable and impactful life. A member of the "greatest generation," Stella was born in 1921 in Taos, and while she grew up partially in Wyoming, she returned to New Mexico as a young adult to attend my alma mater, New Mexico Highlands University. In a pivotal moment, Stella recalls seeing Uncle Sam on signs in Albuquerque beckoning her: "I want you!" they said, and she answered the call. Stella enlisted for the Women's Army Corps in 1944 at the Bruns Army Hospital in Santa Fe and trained at Fort Des Moines. Taking great pride in her fatigues and dress uniform, Stella completed duty stations in Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and South Dakota. Stella completed her service in 1946 when the war was won, but she has said she would gladly have stayed in the Women's Army Corps if given the chance.

Throughout her life, Stella has carried with her meaningful memories from her service, including fellow Women Army Corps member Ruby Hart singing "Till we meet again" and marching in formation every Saturday morning in front of the ranking officers. Upon returning home to New Mexico, Stella continued her Federal service working at the University of California in Los Alamos, then at the Atomic Energy Commission also in Los Alamos, before rounding out her career with a combined 32 years at the Bureau of Land Management doing essential work contributing to the management of New Mexico's Federal lands. She raised three children as a single mother in the 1950s, due to her husband's early death, and built a beautiful family in her own home State of New Mexico.

I want to personally wish Stella a happy 100th birthday and thank her for her service and barrier-breaking accomplishments. In 2015, I had the pleasure of greeting Stella on her visit to D.C. on Honor Flight No. 0615, and I was honored to celebrate her birthday in a drive-by celebration this year.

Stella, thank you for your service, and it is an honor to play a small part in your story.●

##### TRIBUTE TO BENNIE MONTOKA

• Mr. LUJÁN. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and share the inspirational story of native New Mexican Mr. Bennie Montoya, who will celebrate his 100th birthday on August 20, 2021. Bennie is a member of the "greatest generation," and his heroism and courage-filled life are an inspiration to us all.

Bennie was raised near Santa Fe in the Village of Agua Fria as the youngest of six siblings. After finishing the ninth grade at Harrington Junior High in Santa Fe, Bennie left school to help his family on their ranch, until he was drafted in August 1942. Bennie trained at Fort Bliss in El Paso, TX, prior to shipping out for Normandy to serve his country at one of the most significant battle sites in U.S. military history. At 23 years old, Private First Class Montoya landed in Normandy 6 days after D-day, and to this day, he recalls the bloodied waters and fallen soldiers from the momentous battle.

During the war, he worked as a switchboard operator and also had the responsibility of driving his commanding officer from post to post. On December 17, 1944, when Private First Class Montoya volunteered to drive a senior military officer to the next post, he was ambushed by German soldiers and taken prisoner. As a prisoner of war, Bennie was forced to dig graves for Nazi soldiers who were killed in action. He was often made to do hard labor in the freezing snow with no shoes and suffered frostbite while under their abuse.

Private First Class Montoya was finally liberated in 1945 and sent to a POW rehabilitation and recovery center in Santa Barbara, CA. Honorably discharged, Bennie made his way back to New Mexico unbeknownst to his family. The story of his homecoming speaks to the power of prayer and the bond between family members. His mother, as told by others with her on that day, kept a prayer card to St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost people and things in her pocket. As she was cooking and praying, she was overcome with emotion. What followed was nothing less than a joyous reunion: Bennie's mother stepped outside to collect herself and continued praying, and when she looked up and gazed across the fields, she saw Bennie walking towards her, duffel bag in tow.

Bennie has lived a full and meaningful life since his time in the Army. Upon his honorable discharge, he was awarded several medals, including a Purple Heart. He raised four children in Agua Fria with his wife, Mary, before losing her to a drunk driver. Professionally, Bennie worked in the local banking industry for 27 years. He still lives in Agua Fria, where he is an upstanding and highly regarded member

of his community, and attends mass at San Isidro Catholic Church.

I want to personally wish Bennie the happiest of birthdays as he prepares to celebrate 100 years and thank him for his service and sacrifice during World War II.

Bennie, your service will never be forgotten, and I am forever grateful for your role in fighting for our freedom.●

#### TRIBUTE TO DR. EUGENE MORGAN HUGHES

● Ms. SINEMA. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the life of Dr. Eugene "Gene" Morgan Hughes, a recognized leader in higher education at the local, State, and national level.

Dr. Hughes was selected by the Arizona Board of Regents as the 12th president of Northern Arizona University, NAU, in 1979. During his tenure, he established NAU's Center for Excellence in Education, the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, and the Southwest Center for Forestry Science Complex. Dr. Hughes launched field sites on the campuses of Arizona's community colleges, including NAU-Yuma, and initiated NAU-net, the first courses in the State offered via television to off-campus sites. He also expanded the New Momentum program to engage Native American Tribes and forged relationships with higher education institutions in China. Under his leadership, NAU's total enrollment rose from 12,000 to 18,800 students.

Dr. Hughes retired from NAU in 1993 and received the titles of president emeritus and professor emeritus of mathematics. He served as president of Wichita State University, WSU, from 1993 until 1999, retiring as president emeritus. He later led Eastern Kentucky University, ECU, as its interim president in 2001 before retiring to Flagstaff, AZ.

Dr. Hughes was chairman of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and president of the Arizona Board of Education. He was selected as Flagstaff Citizen of the Year in 1988 and Outstanding Kansas Citizen of the Year in 1998. He also received the Arizona Board of Regents Medal. The School of Hotel and Restaurant Management building at NAU was named for him in 1997, and WSU dedicated the Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex in 1999. Dr. Hughes received honorary doctoral degrees from NAU in 1997 and ECU in 2011.

In retirement, Dr. Hughes remained active in the community, including as a member of the National Advisory Board of the NAU School of Hotel and Restaurant Management, chair of Amtrak's National Customer Advisory Committee, and co-president of the Flagstaff Society of St. Vincent de Paul. He was also president of the Museum of Northern Arizona.

Dr. Hughes was a kind, intelligent, and diplomatic man who listened patiently, cared deeply, sought compromise, and treated everyone with

dignity. All who interacted with him felt seen, heard, and appreciated. His wit, wisdom, and warm smile will be greatly missed, but his legacy endures in the memories of all he touched. Please join me in honoring Gene Hughes, a visionary in higher education.●

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Select Committee on Intelligence to be sequentially referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

(The message received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the Secretary of the Senate, on April 30, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN) had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 2630. An act to amend the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act to extend until October 2021, a temporary order for fentanyl-related substances.

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2021, the enrolled bill was signed on April 30, 2021, during the adjournment of the Senate, by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

#### PRIVILEGED NOMINATION REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On request by Senator CHARLES GRASSLEY, under the authority of S. Res. 116, 112th Congress, the following nomination was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary: Helaine Ann Greenfeld, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Stephen Elliott Boyd.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works:

Report to accompany S. 914, a bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize programs under those Acts, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-20).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 231. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop guidance for firefighters and other emergency response personnel on best practices to protect them from exposure to PFAS and to limit and prevent the release of PFAS into the environment, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-21).

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment:

S. 636. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 117-22).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1169. A bill to address issues involving the People's Republic of China.

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. ERNST (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, and Mr. LEE):

S. 1528. A bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, to repeal certain limits on leave for married individuals employed by the same employer; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1529. A bill to establish safety standards for certain limousines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. SANDERS (for himself, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 1530. A bill to amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to make breakfasts and lunches free for all children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND):

S. 1531. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to award grants to States that have enacted and are enforcing certain laws with respect to stretch limousines, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. Kaine (for himself, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 1532. A bill to provide a work opportunity tax credit for military spouses and to provide for flexible spending arrangements for childcare services for uniformed services families; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1533. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify the definition of commercial motor vehicle, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself and Mr. PORTMAN):

S. 1534. A bill to amend the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act to authorize